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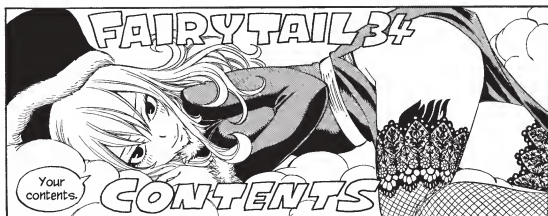


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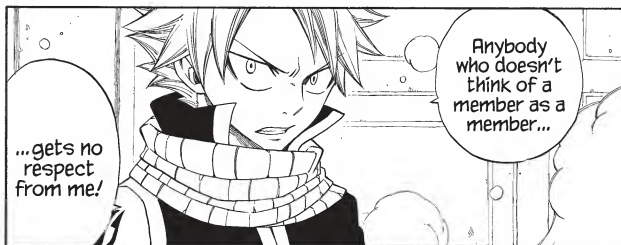
Chapter 283: Natsu vs. Saber Tooth





Brat!

I hope
you're
serious
...



...gets no
respect
from me!

Anybody
who doesn't
think of a
member as a
member...



...but I do see
that you live by
certain rules of
your own.

I don't
know what
you're
talking
about...



This doesn't have
anything to do
with you, right? Do
normal people get
all worked up about
things like that?

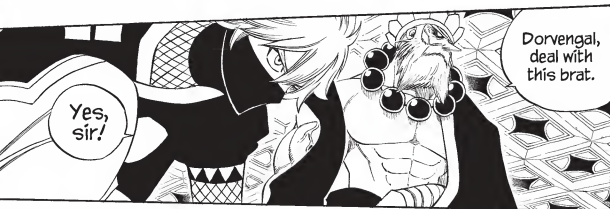


Is he
talking
about
Yukino?



**You
don't
know**
...

**... what
I'm
talkin'
about?!**



**Dorvengal,
deal with
this brat.**

**Yes,
sir!**



**If you plan to
attack the highest
members of a
guild, you should
be prepared
to show your
commitment!**

**Regular
guild troops
are far
beneath *my*
notice.**



**You
runnin'
away?**





...no
business
with you
!!!!



W
a
a
h
!

He's one
of the
top ten
wizards
of our
guild!

That was
Dorvengal
!!!

You're
kidding
!!!

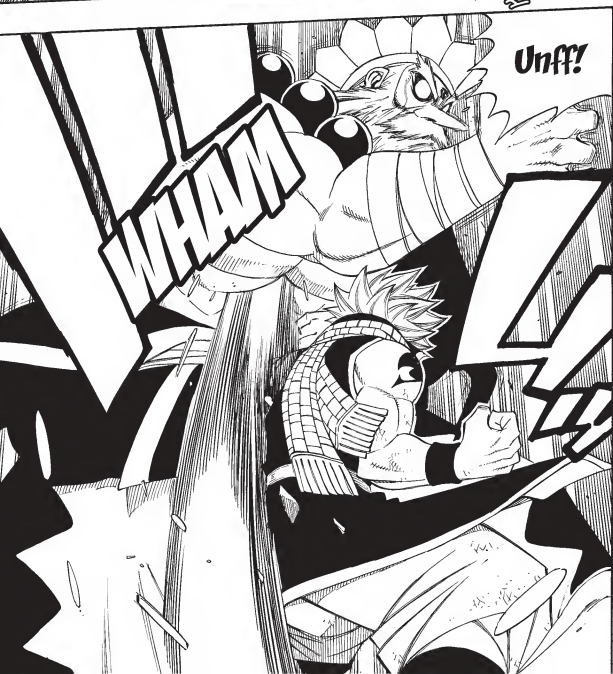


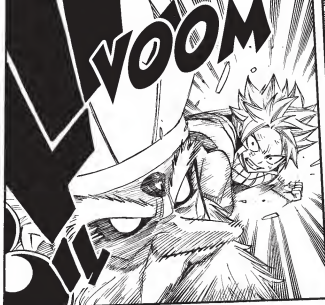
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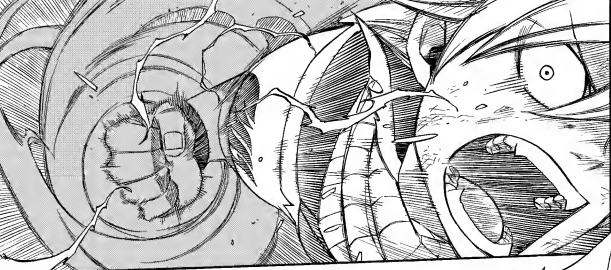
We do not
have anyone
like you,
brat.

Stay
out of
this.

Master,
if you
don't
mind,
I'll...



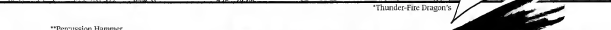




**RAI-
EN-RYŪ
NO***

...

*Thunder-Fire Dragon's

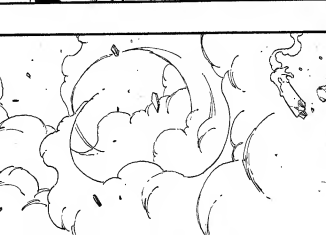
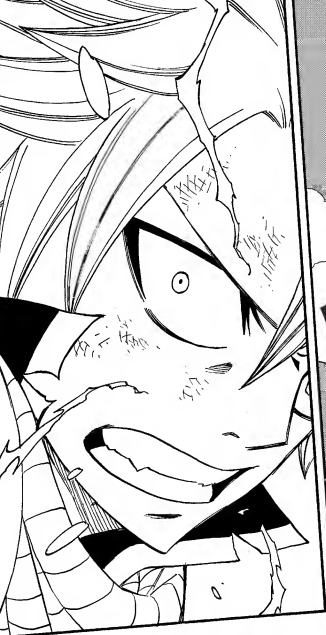


*Percussion Hammer



**GEKI-
TETSU**
!!!!!!**

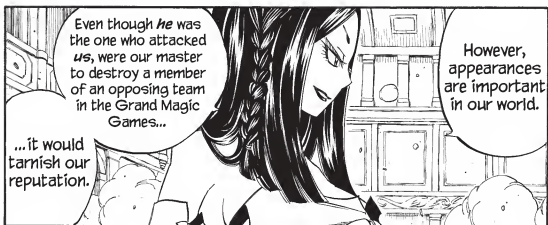
**HA
TA
TOO**

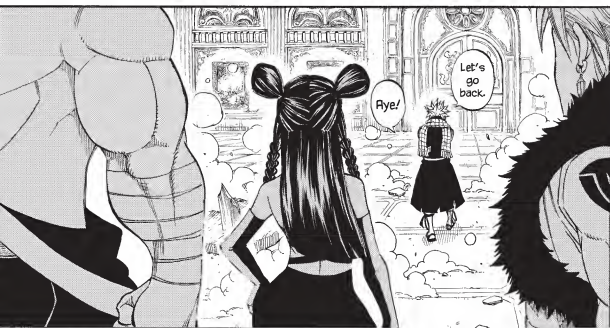
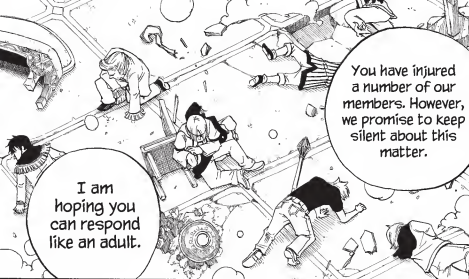


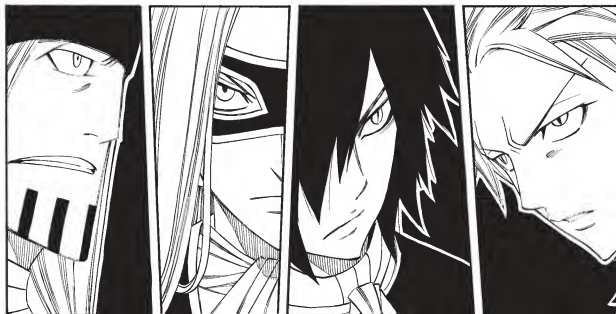
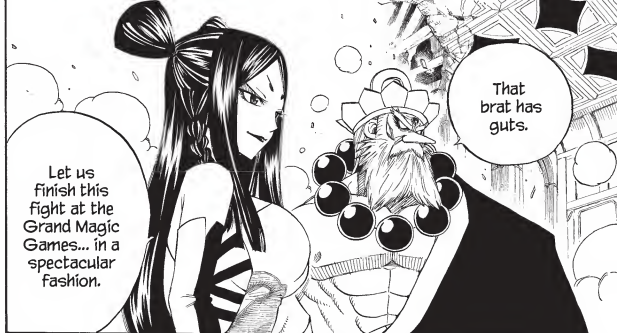
BOOM!













**If you're
a guild,
treat your
comrades
right.**

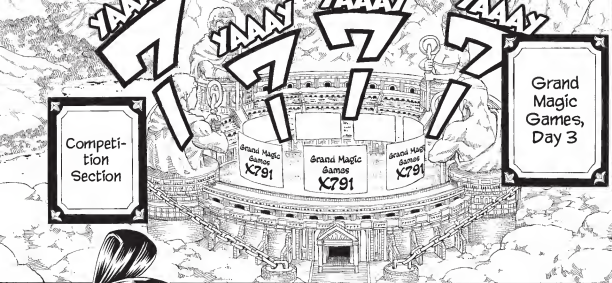
**That's
all I
wanted
to say.**





Chapter 284: Pandemonium







You want to see the old members of Fairy Tail back in action, don't you?



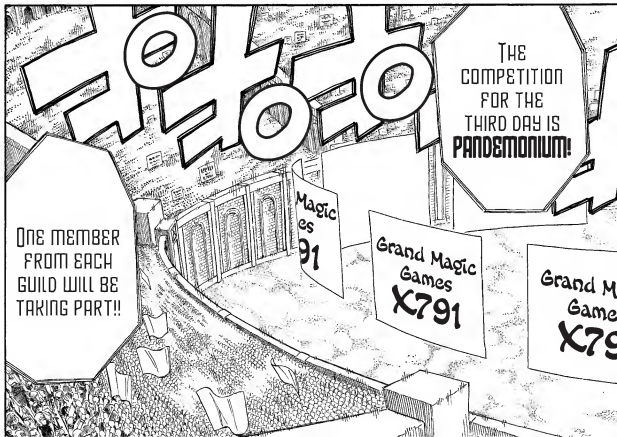
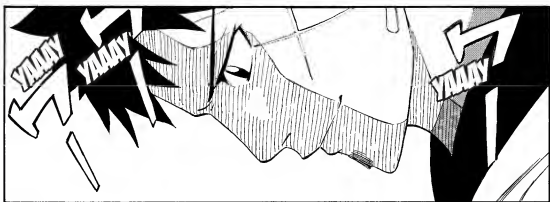
No... I have...

Come along too, Doranbalt.



I had no good reason to refuse.

A guest at the Grand Magic Games? You?!



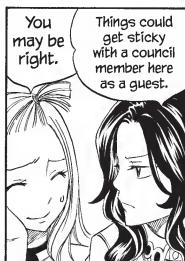
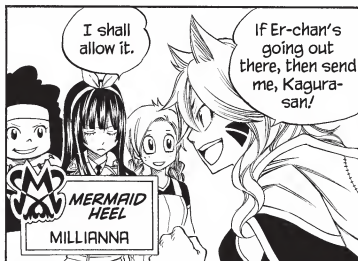
ONE MEMBER FROM EACH GUILD WILL BE TAKING PART!!

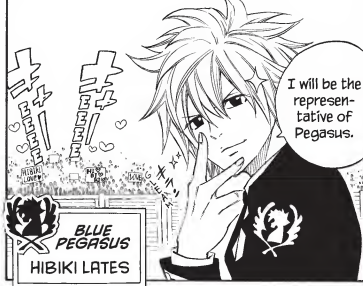
THE COMPETITION FOR THE THIRD DAY IS PANDEMONIUM!

Magic es 91

Grand Magic Games X791

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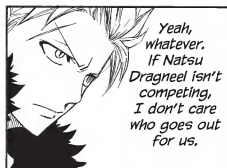
I will be the representative of Pegasus.

BLUE PEGASUS
HIBIKI LATES

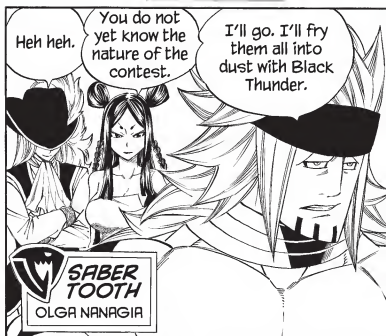


There's a council member there. Do nothing to draw attention, Obra.

RAVEN TAIL
OBRA



Yeah, whatever. If Natsu Dragneel isn't competing, I don't care who goes out for us.



Heh heh.

You do not yet know the nature of the contest.

I'll go. I'll fry them all into dust with Black Thunder.

SABER TOOTH
OLGA NANAGIA



Sorry about my absence from yesterday's games!

Now, let me explain the rules for Pandemonium! Punkin!



Hm... Just leave this to me.

LAMIA SCALE
JURA NEEKIS

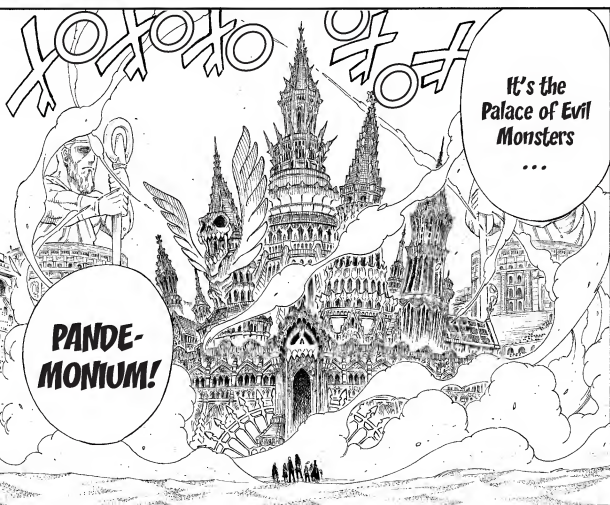


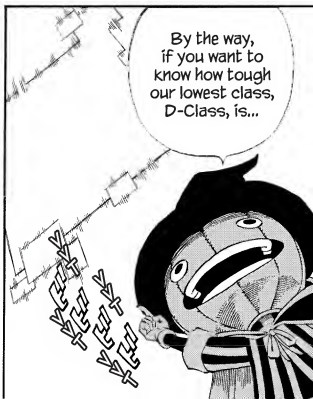
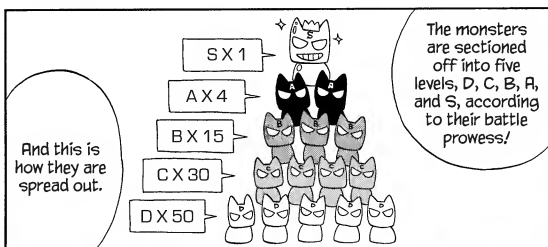
My sock...

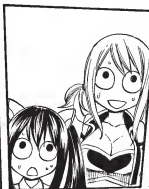
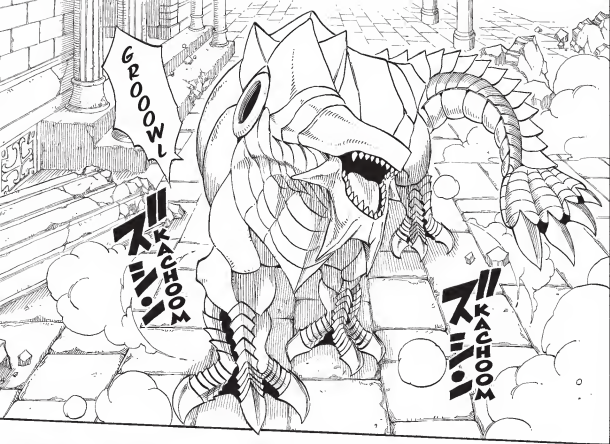
If it's Obaba's order, we have no choice.

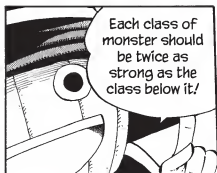
Jura-san's going out there?

Just buy a new one!

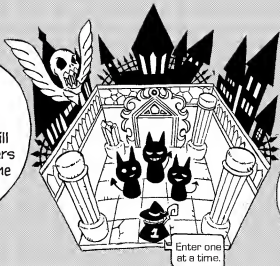








For example, if you choose to fight **three** monsters, you will find three monsters emerging from the palace gates.



You each will enter in order and decide how many monsters you will each fight.

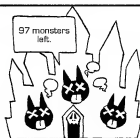
That will be *your* challenge.

We will continue this until the number of monsters left is zero, or until the contestants run out of magic, whichever comes first. Then the contest will end.



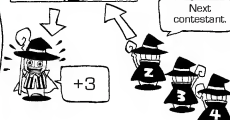
...that contestant will get three points!

Then the next contestant will choose a number out of the remaining 97 monsters to fight!



If you manage to beat all three...

Next contestant.



Once you've submitted your choice of how many monsters, it doesn't matter if it's as *low as one* or as *high as five*, the monsters appear at random!

DDDDDD



But as I mentioned earlier, each monster has a rank.



Exactly! Once you've made a complete round, it's very important to strategize based on how everyone fared.

It's like one of those numbers games!



Not so. My Archive Magic can judge the odds, and I can develop a strategy from that.



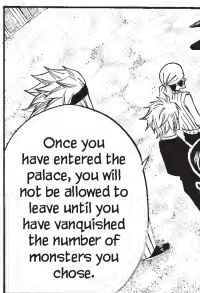
If they come in at random, strategies won't help you.



So one will need a strategy to avoid run-ins with the S-Class monster.



Once you have entered the palace, you will not be allowed to leave until you have vanquished the number of monsters you chose.



Your points only come from the *number* of monsters you vanquish, not the class.



3rd Round



2nd Round



1st Round



=

Retired with a total of 4 monsters.

...but you will retire there with your turn never coming again, and for all later rounds, you will be counted as vanquishing zero monsters.

Then you keep the number of points that you have already earned...



What happens if you go down within the palace?



Now we'll draw sticks to determine the order.



It's a harder contest than I figured!

You have to add into your calculations the time spent waiting for your turn, when you can regain some magic power.

But if you only go for one monster per round, you're certain to fall behind the others!

So they're saying that getting greedy is a bad thing too.



You're lucky! The first gets the most turns of anybody.

I got number eight...

I am number one.



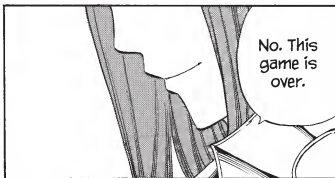
N-No... Maybe, but I don't think so. The game is set up to be based on how you pace yourself and how well you sum up the situation.

You mean luck of the draw?

I had figured this game would all depend on the number I drew.



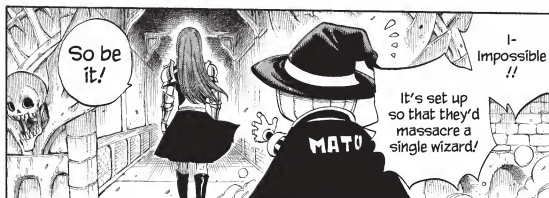
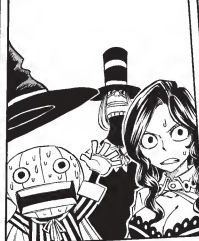
No. This game is over.



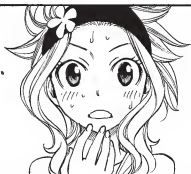
BOOM

**I will take
on all one
hundred
monsters.**

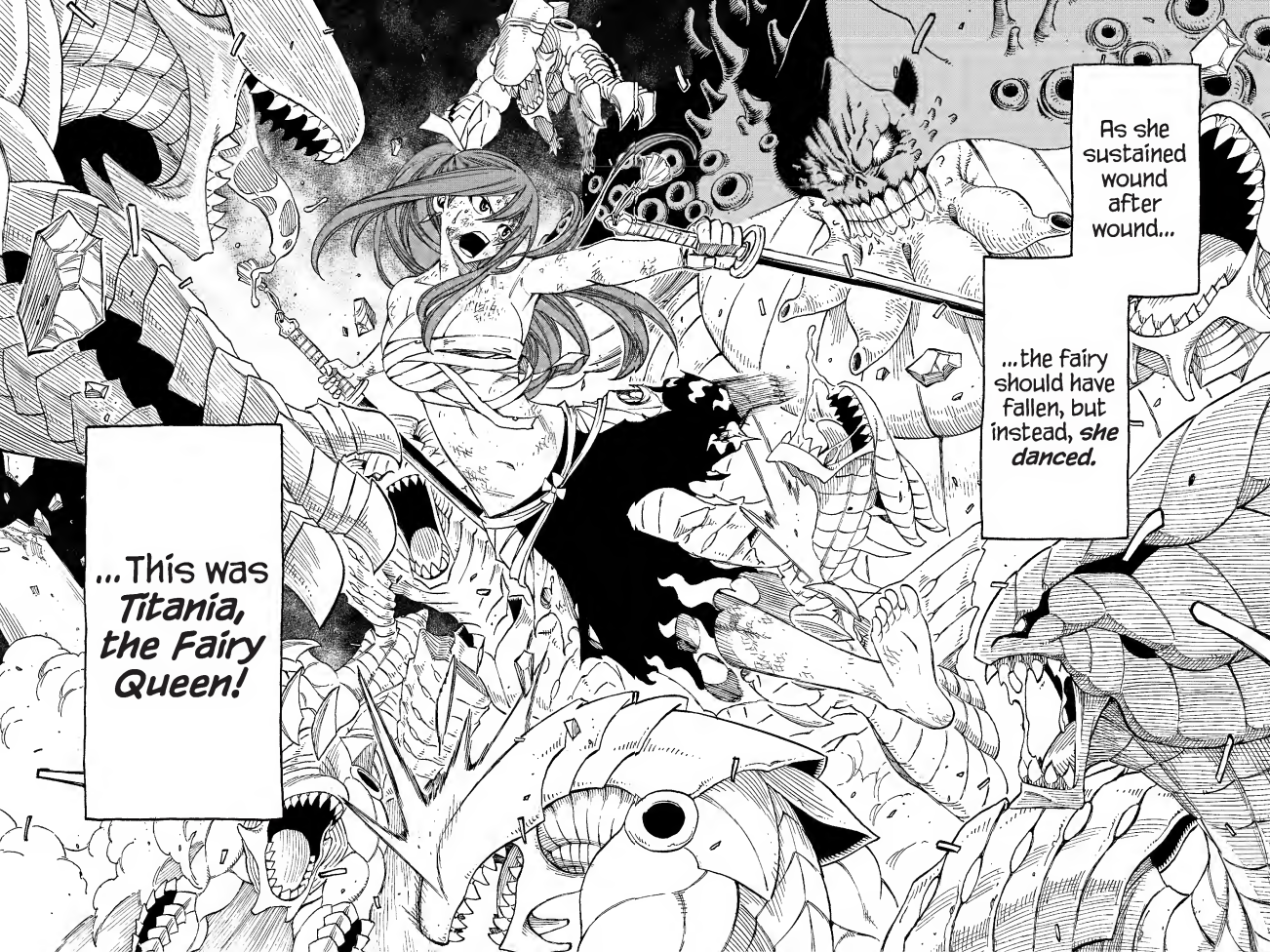
**I
choose the
number
100.**



I don't think I'll ever forget what happened on that day.



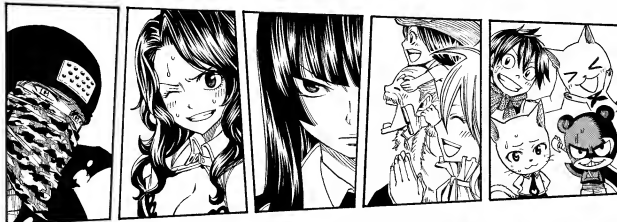
The third day of the Grand Magic Games, Pandemonium.

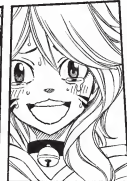
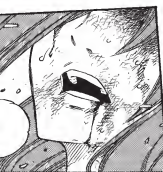
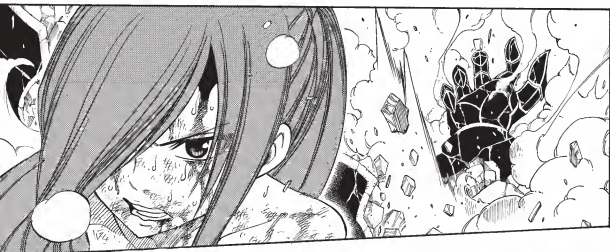
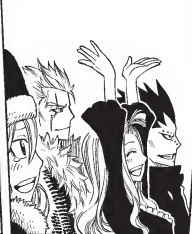


...This was
***Titania,
the Fairy
Queen!***

As she
sustained
wound
after
wound...

...the fairy
should have
fallen, but
instead, *she
danced.*







ALL ALONE, SHE
VANQUISHED
A HUNDRED
MONSTERS. SHE
HAS CLEARED
THE ENTIRE
PALACE!!!!

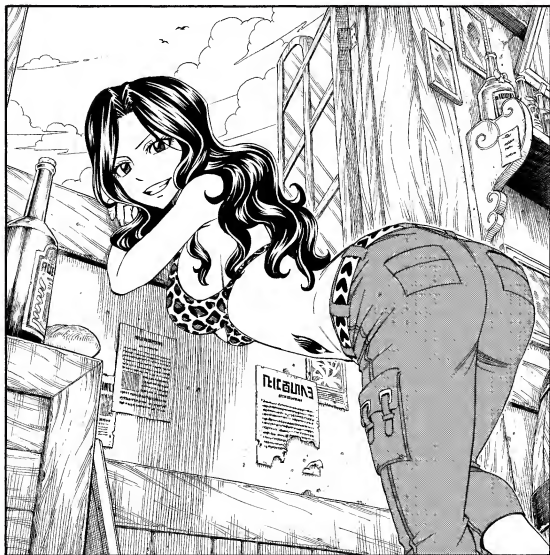
I-I DON'T
BELIEVE MY
EYES!!!

IS THIS THE
TRUE POWER
OF THE GUILD
THAT, SEVEN
YEARS AGO, WAS
KNOWN AS THE
STRONGEST IN
THE LAND?!!!

FAIRY TAIL

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Chapter 285: MPF





FAIRY TAIL
A WIZARD
ERZA SCARLET
TAKES AN
OVERWHELMING
WIN!!!!

A TOTAL
VICTORY THAT
NO ONE CAN
DISPUTE!!!!



Titania
the Fairy
Queen!!!

I
remember
her!

Th-
That was
amazing
!!!

She was
Fairy Tail's
most powerful
female wizard,
Erza Scarlet!

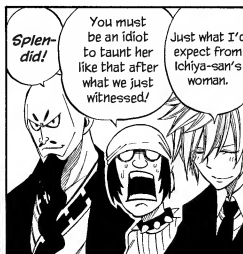
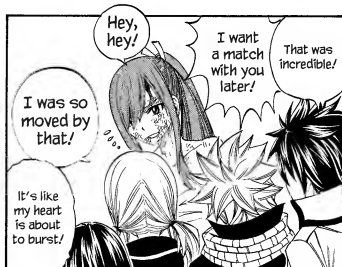
How did
she...?!

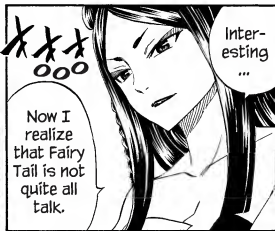


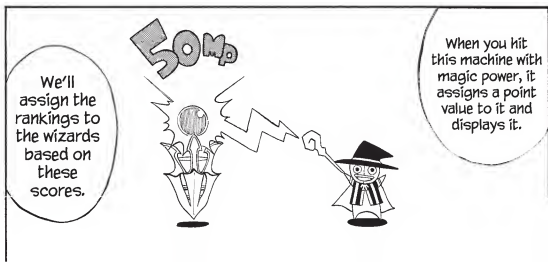
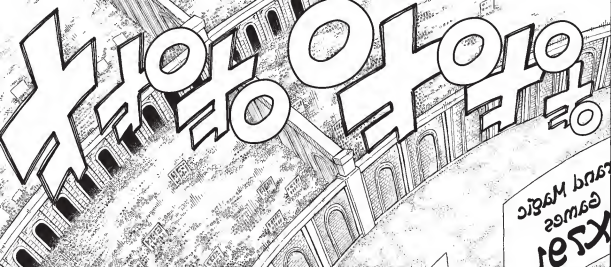
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no words.

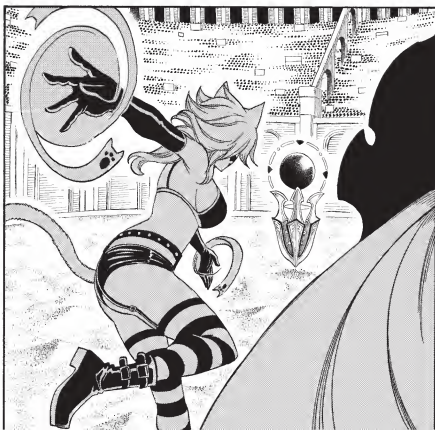
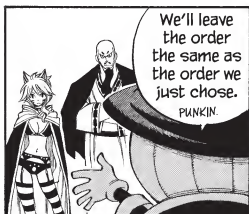
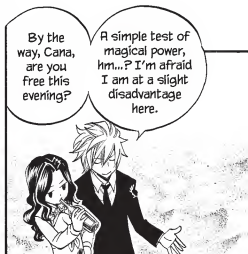
I am
totally over-
whelmed.

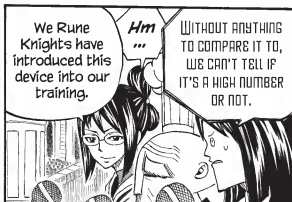
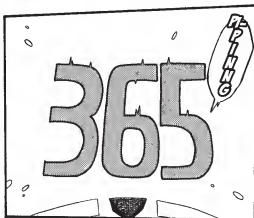
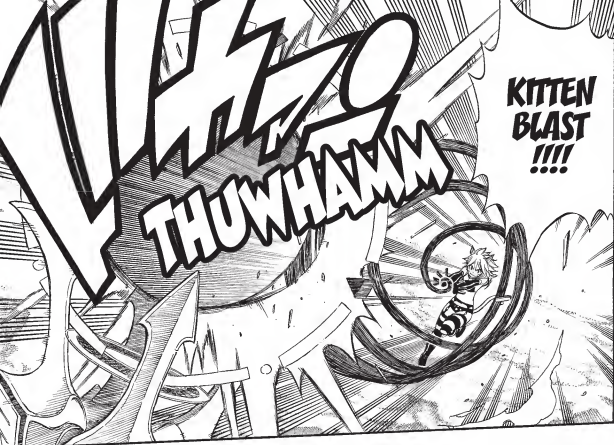
THE CROWD
IS STILL
CHEERING!!!

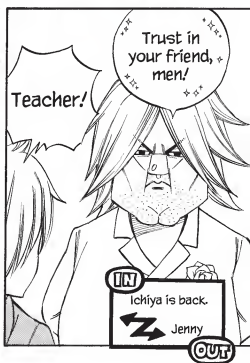
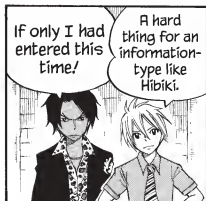
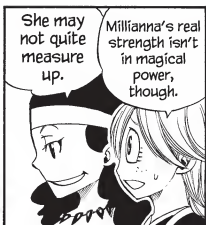
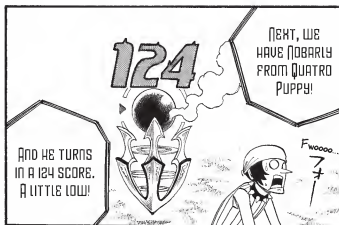


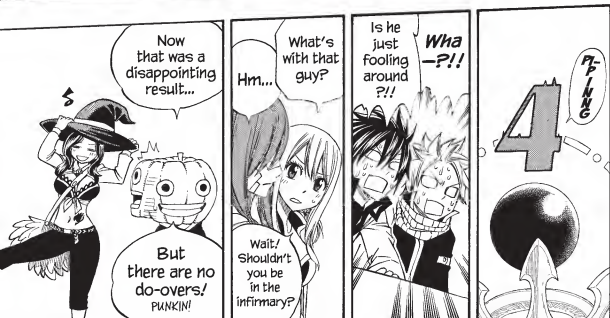














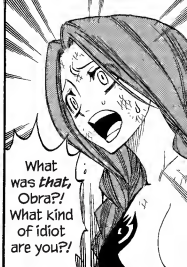
Heh
heh
heh...



He's one
guy you
don't
want
getting
serious
on you!



Shut your mouth,
Flare! We mustn't
let him show his
magic in public!



What
was *that*,
Obra?!
What kind
of idiot
are you?!



I don't
know
about
that.



All
right!!
I'm
number
one!
Myaaa!



1. Millianna: 365
2. Nobarly: 124
3. Hibiki: 95
4. Obra: 4



Here are the
rankings as
they stand
now!



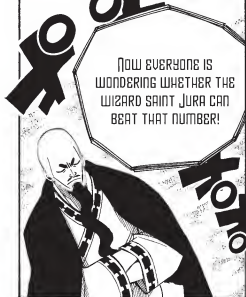
CLAP / NO
CLAP / NO
CLAP / NO



AND LISTEN
TO THOSE
CHEERS!!!

THAT BRINGS
US TO OLGA'S
TURN!!!





NOW EVERYONE IS
WONDERING WHETHER THE
WIZARD SAINT JURA CAN
BEAT THAT NUMBER!



I'm
the best!
I'm number
one! I'm
the best!

Y-You
can stop
singing
now!
PUNKIN!



Of course
you are!
PUNKIN!

I am
allowed to
give my all,
am I not?



I'm more
worried
about
something
else...



Of
course.

Jura-san
should be
able to win,
right?



フムフムフム
FYUUUUUU



He's worried that too much strength might lead them to impose restrictions on those carrying the title of wizard saint.



All I can say is, "Just what I'd expect."

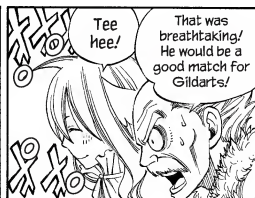


Huh?



WHAT WAS THAT?!

WHA-?!

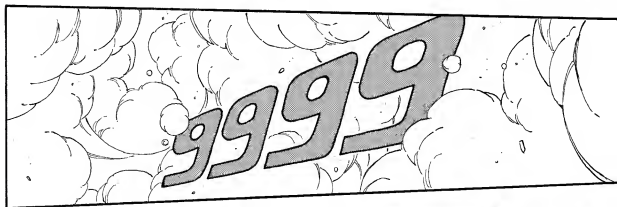




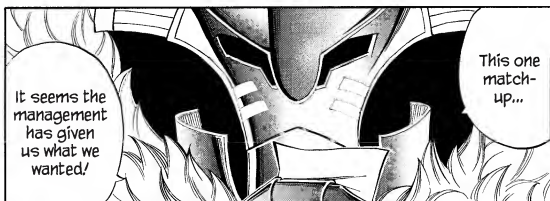
**FAIRY
GLITTER
!!!!**

KAF

WOONF







FAIRY TAIL

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Grand Magic Games Third Day Interim Results.

1. Raven Tail	36P + 0	→	1. Raven Tail	36P
2. Saber Tooth	20P + 4	↘	2. Lamia Scale	26P
2. Lamia Scale	20P + 6	↗	3. Saber Tooth	24P
4. Mermaid Heel	19P + 3	→	4. Mermaid Heel	22P
5. Blue Pegasus	17P + 1	↘	4. Fairy Tail A	22P
6. Quatro Puppy	12P + 2	↗	6. Fairy Tail B	20P
6. Fairy Tail B	12P + 8	↗	7. Blue Pegasus	18P
6. Fairy Tail A	12P + 10	↗	8. Quatro Puppy	14P



Chapter 286: Laxus vs. Alexei



Grand
Magic
Games
Day 3:
Battle



Quatro
Puppy,
Semmes.

W-Wild
...

Mermaid
Heel,
Millianna
versus...

The
first
match
...

GSHK

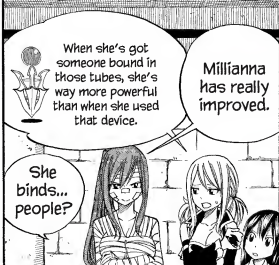


Winner:
Millianna.

Are you
pumped
up?



I had a tough battle with her too.



She binds... people?

When she's got someone bound in those tubes, she's way more powerful than when she used that device.

Millianna has really improved.



Blue Pegasus, Eve Team.

Saber Tooth, Rufus versus...

Battle number two...



I have committed your magic to memory.



White Fang!!!

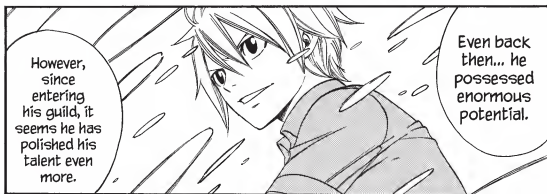


That is true. He was a member of the Rune Knights, the Arrest-and-Custody Division, like myself.



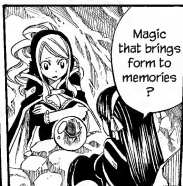
Eve wash originally a council member.

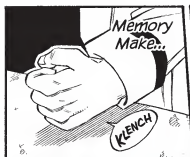
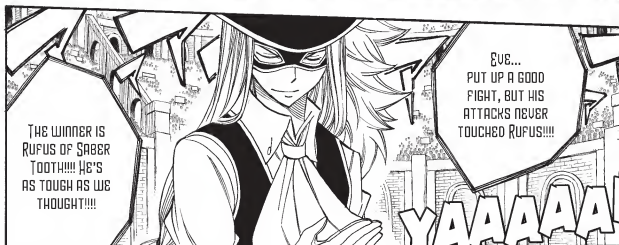
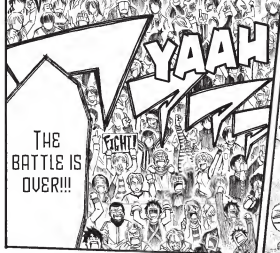
RIVALS IN THE FIRST DAY'S COMPETITION SECTION BECOME ENEMIES IN THE THIRD DAY'S BATTLE!!!

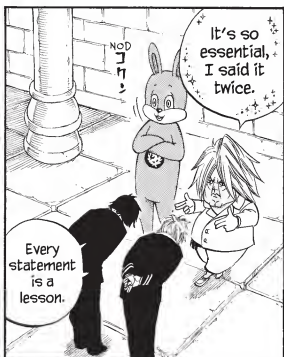
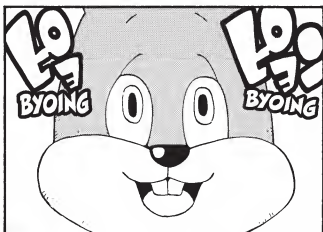
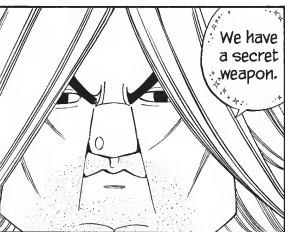


However, since entering his guild, it seems he has polished his talent even more.

Even back then... he possessed enormous potential.









FAIRY TAIL
B'S LAXUS
DREYAR-

A black and white manga illustration of Laxus Dreyar. He is a muscular man with spiky, light-colored hair and a lightning bolt scar on his right cheek. He is wearing a dark, form-fitting shirt with a high collar and a long, light-colored, spiky cape. He has a serious expression. The background shows a stone building with arches and large, stylized sound effects like 'BOOM' and 'POW'.

VS.



...RAVEN
TAIL'S
ALEXEI!

A black and white manga illustration of Alexei, a member of the Raven Tail guild. He is wearing a large, ornate, metallic helmet with a crest on top. He has long, spiky, light-colored hair. He is wearing a dark, form-fitting shirt. The background shows a stone building with arches and large, stylized sound effects like 'BOOM' and 'POW'.



But...Juvia has a bad feeling about this.

It is Laxus, after all.

There's nothing to worry about there.

Go get 'em, Laxus!



He's facing someone from Ivan's guild!



It's Laxus!!



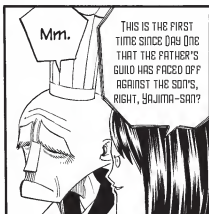
Watch Raven Tail's movement closely, and if you see anything suspicious, stop the match immediately.



Huh? Yes... A few. It was regulation.

Lahar-kun, do you have your men handy if you need them?

WISPER
WISPER



Mm.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE DAY ONE THAT THE FATHER'S GUILD HAS FACED OFF AGAINST THE SON'S, RIGHT, YAJIMA-SAN?



Master Ivan hasn't made any moves.

Roger that! Team Raijin Tribe + Lisanna... Do you copy?



This is HQ. Bisca, do you read?

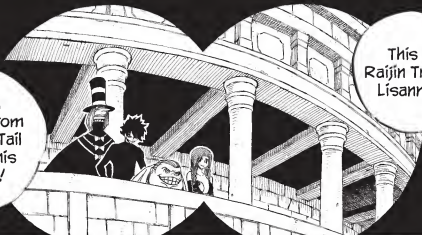
What's with the "HQ" stuff, Warren?



Roger!

Warren?

PEEP
PEEP



Nothing ominous from the Raven Tail team at this juncture!

This is Raijin Tribe + Lisanna...



I never said any such thing!

But Ever says she wants to scurry back to Elfman's loving arms, so please ask the master's permission!
Over.

Just *try* to sully Laxus's honor! If you do, we, the Raijin Tribe, can't guarantee that you will survive the experience!

They won't get away with what they tried on that first day!



What is it, First Master?

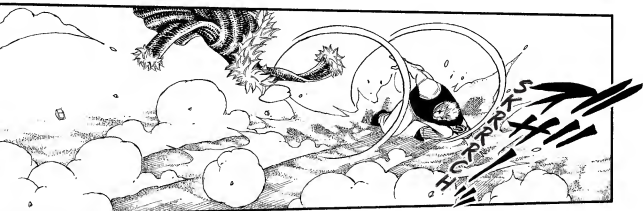
No... It's nothing.

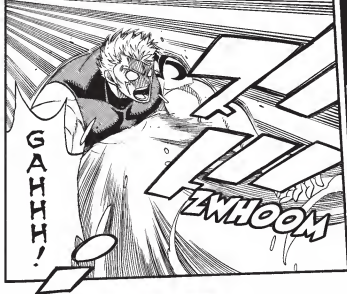
Tee hee!

Ivan... I won't allow any more cowardly acts!

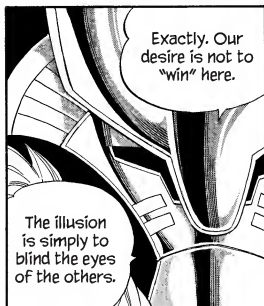














If I
mop you
up in real
life, it's just
as over.

It don't
matter what
the illusion
shows.

You're
outta
bounds.



No matter
how powerful
you are, you'll
never defeat *all*
of *Raven Tail*
at once.

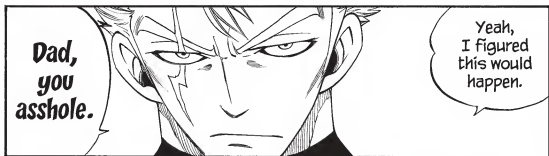
Heh
heh
heh...

That
won't be
possible.

"Real life"
is a hard
thing.

And one
more
thing...

CHANK
CHANK
CHANK





**Tell me
where Lumen
Histoire is!**



**Not
possible.
You have to
know!**

Well
anyway,
even if I *did*
know, I'd
never tell
you.



No need to
feign ignorance
with me!
Makarov *must*
have told you
where it is!

No.
Really.
No clue
here.



What're
you
talking
about?



You're always
making yourself
the biggest pain
in the ass you
can be, huh? I
can see why the
old fart cut you
loose.



I mean, if
you cannot
comprehend your
circumstances,
your defeat will not
only be illusory.
Count on that!

Come now! You
think you can eke
out a victory from
the utter despair
that is your present
situation?



**Come
at me. All
of you at
once.**

**The
master's
enemies
are my
enemies!**



**The first
lesson: just
how powerful
a guild created
especially to
battle Fairy Tail
can be.**

**It seems
a fatherly
lesson is
unavoidable.**

FAIRYTAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 287: True Family







What?!



...what you've been doing over the past seven years. He knows everything.

Your numbers, guild location, operating expenses...



Yeah, the old man had you sussed out a long time ago.



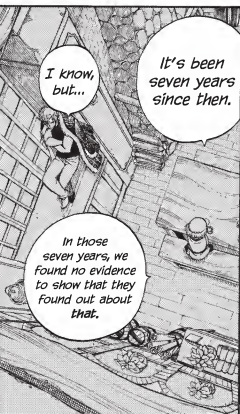
The old man knew everything, but he never made a move.



So he was a double agent?

Gajeel!
He tricked us!!

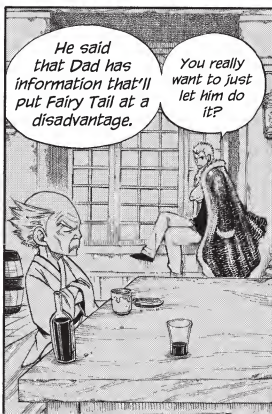
GRR



I know, but...

It's been seven years since then.

In those seven years, we found no evidence to show that they found out about that.



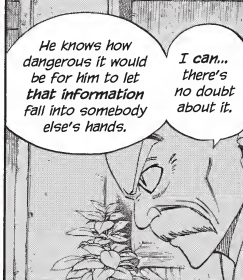
He said that Dad has information that'll put Fairy Tail at a disadvantage.

You really want to just let him do it?





So what is it anyway?



He knows how dangerous it would be for him to let that information fall into somebody else's hands.

I can... there's no doubt about it.



You can't be certain.



I've heard that over those seven years, Ivan did no evil, and he hasn't laid a finger on our guild.



It's better if you don't know. Every guild has secrets that shouldn't be touched.



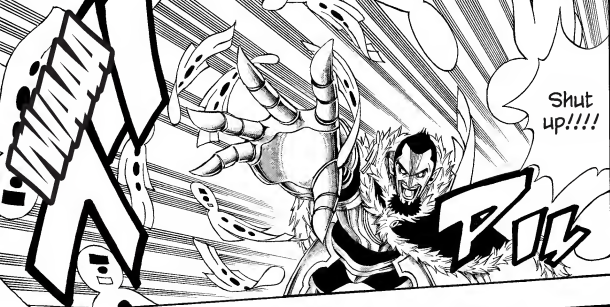
I think in some corner of his heart, the old man still trusts you.

He is your father.



As long as he doesn't make any moves...

...then I don't intend to go stirring up any trouble either.



Shut
up!!!!



Of course not!!
There's no way
the trash you
left behind would
know where Lumen
Histoire is!!!

"Done
no evil
for seven
years?"



It was all
so I could
get my
hands on
the Lumen
Histoire
!!!!

I've lived in
the shadows
for years,
all of it
preparing
for this
day!!!!





**Tell me
now,
Lexus
!!!!**

**You're
my son,
right
?!!!**



I searched
inside the guild!!
All through
Magnolia!! On Sirius
Island!! Every place
with the slightest
connection to
the guild!!



**Where
is it
?!!!**

Where is
Lumen
Histoire
?!!

And
I never
found it!!!



So he's the
guy who did
in Wendy and
Carla?!

Now is the
time to
release the
power of
the guild
created to
fight Fairy
Tail!!!

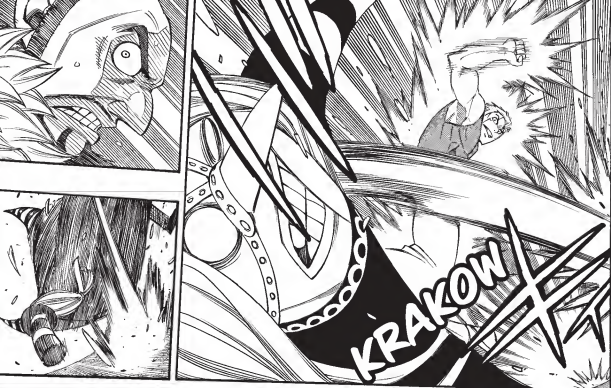
SHAA

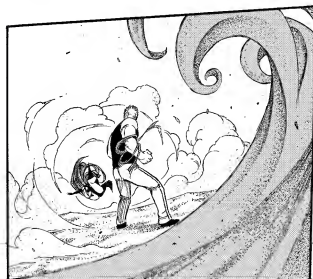


Obra,
now!!
Eliminate
his magic
!!!



zuuuum!







**My family
is Fairy
Tail!**



**W-Wait!!!
I am your
father!!!!**

**We're *family*!!!!
You'd raise a fist
against *your*
own father?!!!**



I don't know
what you're
after, and I
don't care.
But I *am*
gonna get
payback for
the friends
you hurt!

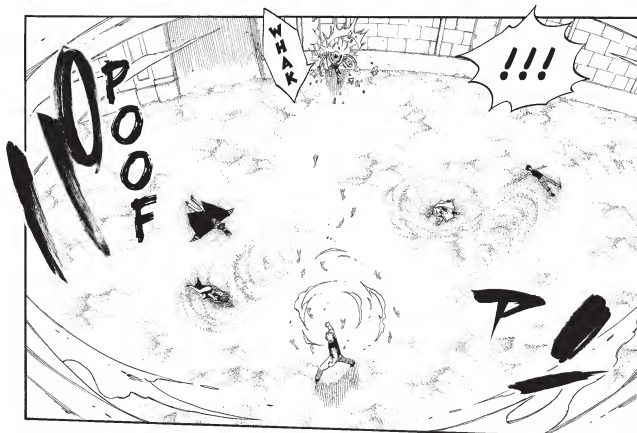


**M-My elite
squad...!!!!**



**And I will
crush my
family's
enemies
!!!!**

KRAKOOOM





The guild master!!!
Punkin!!!
Alexei was really
Master Ivan!!!
Punkin!!!



BUT... JUST WHAT...
WENT ON HERE?!

ざわ
CHATTER

CHATTER

ざわ



They were
thought
projections
?!!!

They
fooled
us!



SO THE
LAKUS VS. ALEXEI
MATCH WE WERE
WATCHING WAS JUST
AN ILLUSION?!!

AND WHILE WE
WEREN'T LOOKING,
LAKUS TOOK A
FIVE-ON-ONE
ATTACK...

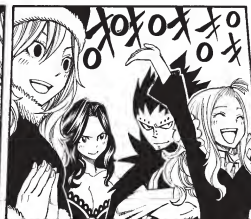
NOT ONLY THAT,
BUT AN ALL-OUT FIGHT
AGAINST THE MASTER
HIMSELF. NO MATTER
HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THIS
IS AN SERIOUS BREACH
OF THE RULES.

AND THE ONE
LEFT STANDING IS
(LAKUS!!! THE MATCH
IS OVER!!!

CLAP
CLAP

CLAP
CLAP

CLAP
CLAP CLAP
CLAP



Fairy Tail
is full of
monsters
!!!

That,
after
Erza and
Canal...

He took
out all of
Raven Tail
by himself
!!



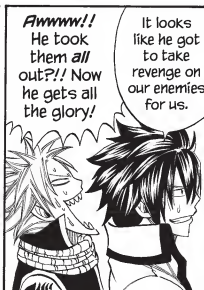
WELL THE ONE
THING THAT *ISN'T*
IN DOUBT IS THE
WINNER...

...LAKUS
OF FAIRY
TAIL B!!!!



You
really are
far too
nice.

I hope they
don't punish
that Flare girl
so harshly
again.



Awwww!!
He took
them *all*
out?!! Now
he gets all
the glory!

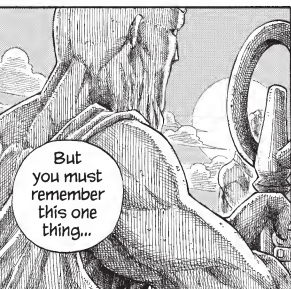
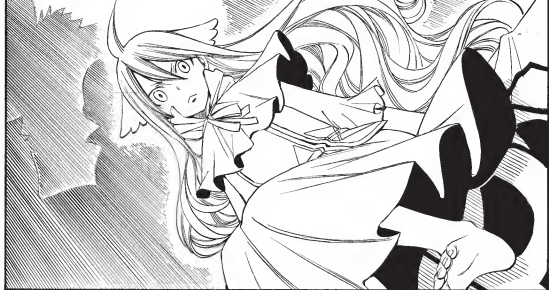
It looks
like he got
to take
revenge on
our enemies
for us.

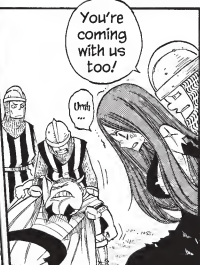


Again with
the dirty
tricks...

...Ivan!



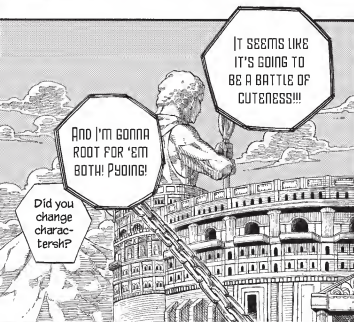








あはははははは
AH HA HA HA HA HA



That girl called Sherria... Her magic power...



It's Wendy! She'll be fine!

I wonder if she'll be all right...





FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 288: Wendy vs. Sherria



WENDY
FROM FAIRY
TAIL A...

...US....

SHERRIA
FROM LAMIA
SCALE!!

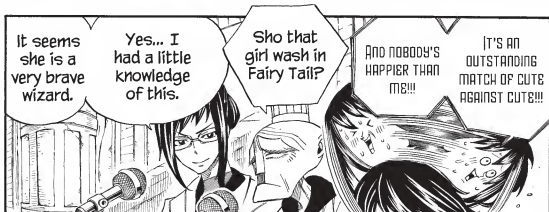
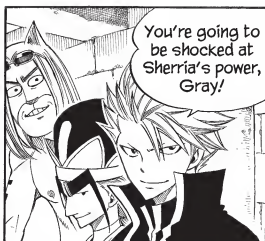
THE FOURTH
AND FINAL
BATTLE OF DAY
THREE OF THE
GRAND MAGIC
GAMES!

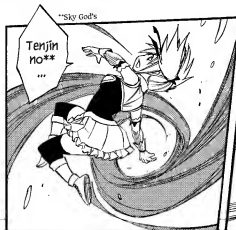


Go
get 'em,
Wendy.

[LET THE
BATTLE
BEGIN!!!









*North Wind



**TENJIN
NO MAI***
!!!!

*Sky God's Dance

ZWOOM



TENRYŪ NO
KAGIZUME*
!!!!

*Sky Dragon's Talons



Tenjin
no*
...

*Sky God's...



Tenryū
no*...

*Sky Dragon's...



Sky God
Slayer
Magic!



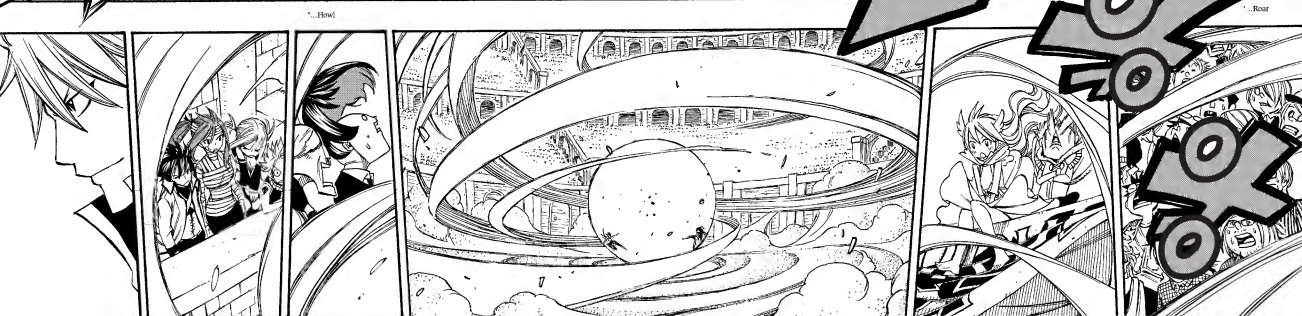
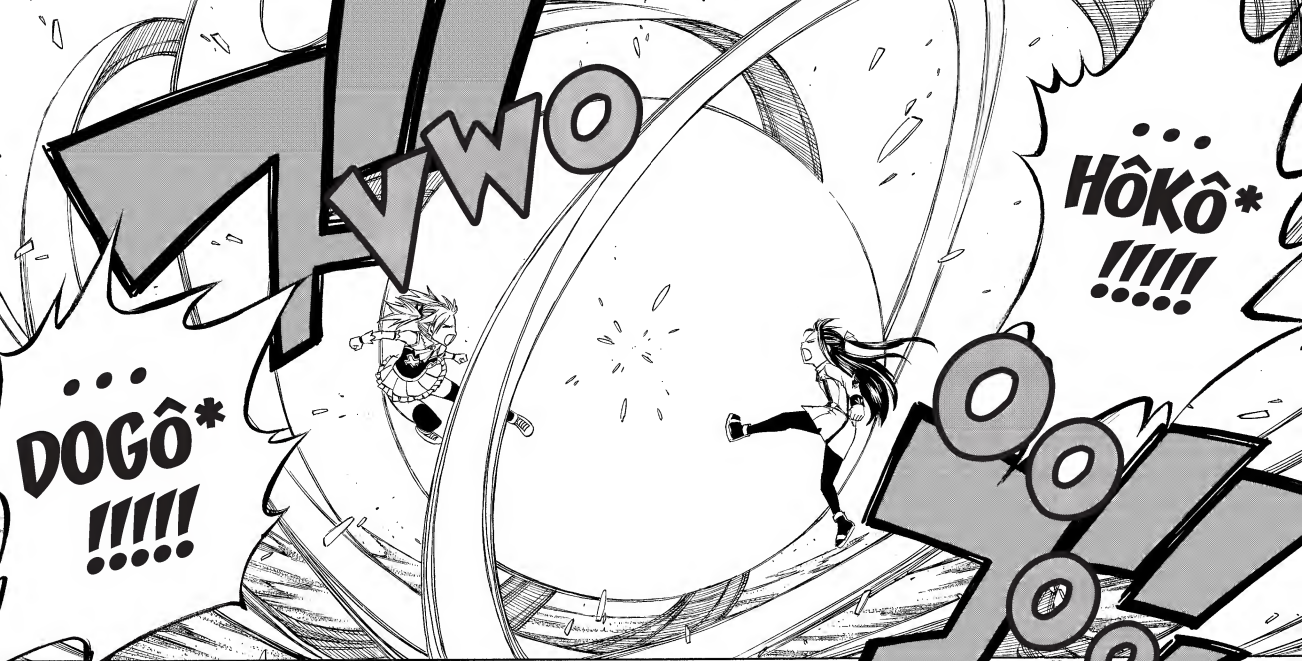
Lost
Magic!



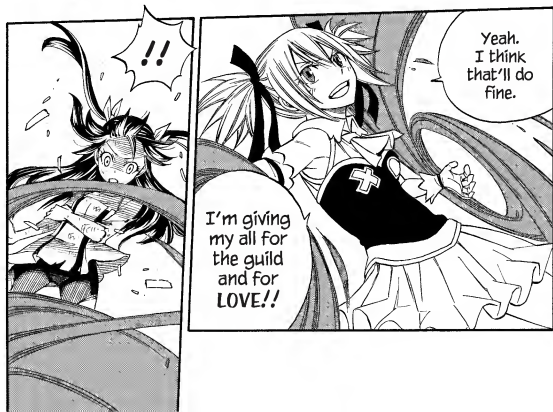
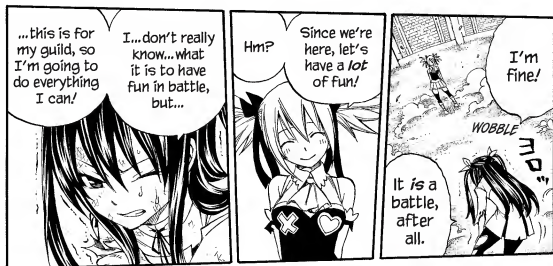
The
same
magic
as
Wendy?



That
kid
can't
be...











And
even I
can fight
at full
strength
at times
like that
!!!!



...have
some
too!



Ah!!

I knew
it! You
"eat air,"
don't
you?!

Then
I'll...



MAYBE IT'S JUST
MY IMAGINATION, BUT
I GET THE FEELING
THE STADIUM'S AIR IS
GETTING THINNER.

[LOOK AT
WENDY-TAN AND
SHERRIA-TAN!! WHAT
ARE THEY DOING?!!



What...is this?!



She's going to win.

That's amazing!

Wendy has an ultimate attack?



Ohh!!

Here it comes !!



She's already acquired one of those attacks?!



A barrier of wind?

We're closed off in here?!!

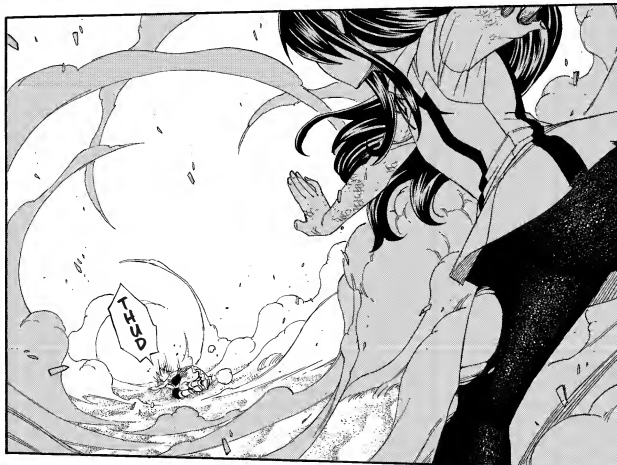


*Flare Burst...



**TENKÔ-
SEN*
!!!!**

WAFOOM

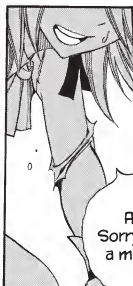




I haven't acquired Milky Way yet...

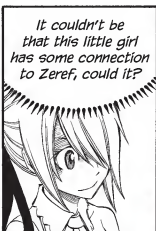


But... this way...









It couldn't be
that this little girl
has some connection
to Zeref, could it?



Sherria!



That
would
put
Wendy
in grave
danger
!!!!

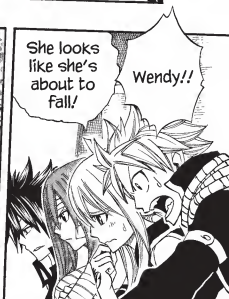
No
!!!

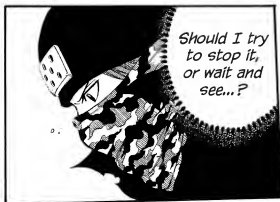
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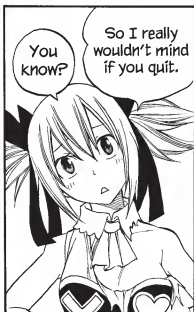
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 289: Tiny Fists











I don't
need your
mercy.

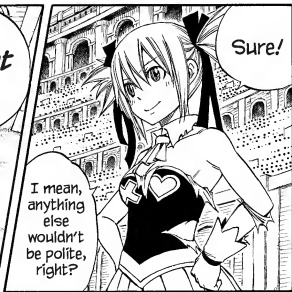
The fact that
I can stand
here at all...

...means that
I'm ready
to give it all
fighting for
my guild.



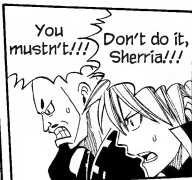
So come at
me and beat
me down until
I can't lift a
finger on my
own!!!!

P
l
e
a
s
e
!!!!





If she
comes at
me with
full force,
I have to
answer
!!!



**AMANO
MURA-
KUMO***
!!!!

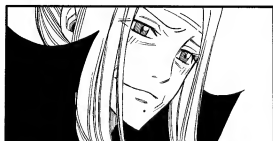








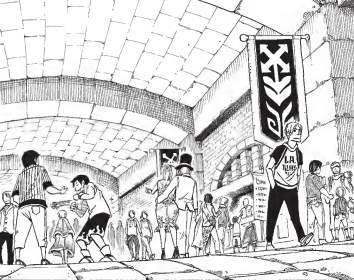








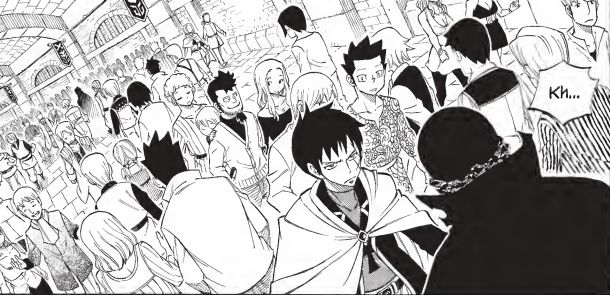


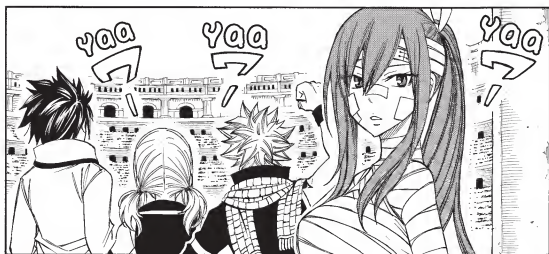




*Poets: Dance of Purgatory







FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Grand Magic Games Results of the 3rd Day

1. Raven Tail	36P	→	1. Saber Tooth	34P
2. Lamia Scale	26P + 5	→	2. Mermaid Heel	32P
3. Saber Tooth	24P + 10	→	3. Lamia Scale	31P
4. Mermaid Heel	22P + 10	→	4. Fairy Tail B	30P
4. Fairy Tail A	22P + 5	→	5. Fairy Tail A	27P
6. Fairy Tail B	20P + 10	→	6. Blue Pegasus	18P
7. Blue Pegasus	18P + 0	→	7. Quatro Puppy	14P
8. Quatro Puppy	14P + 0	→	X Raven Tail	DQ

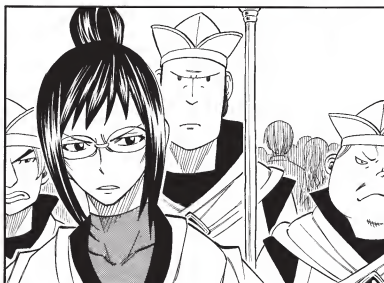
I must think on this a bit...

P-PUNKIN...

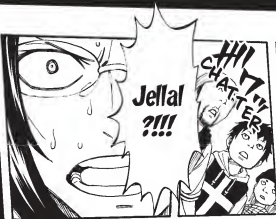


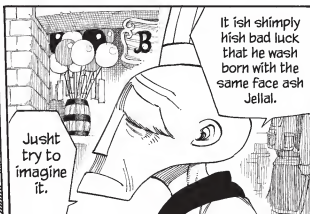
I must say, I never expected the results from Fairy Tail that we got today...

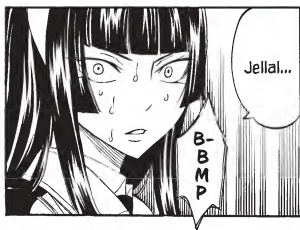
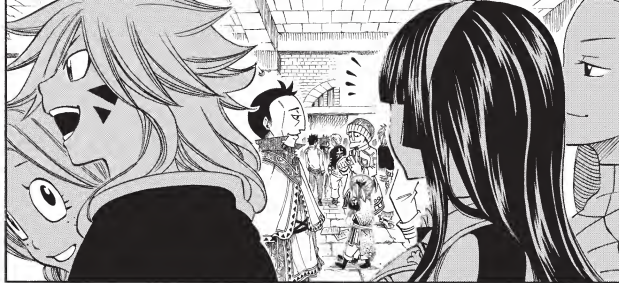
Chapter 290: The Night Our Feelings Intersect



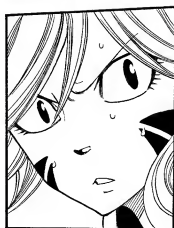












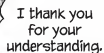


If I find him, I will report his whereabouts to you.

For me, Jellal has been nothing but an evil.



No... I beg your pardon. I did not understand the situation.



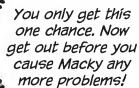
I thank you for your understanding.



I am in your debt, Yajima-san.



Excuse me.



You only get this one chance. Now get out before you cause Macky any more problems!



I let him walk away to protect Yajima-san's reputation...

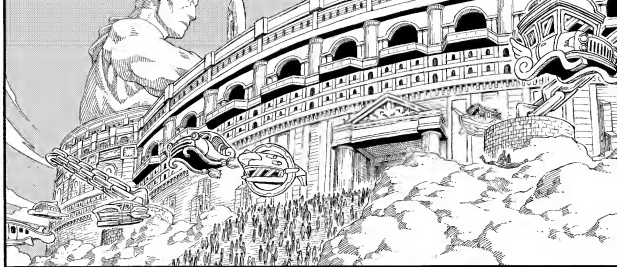
But he will *not* escape!

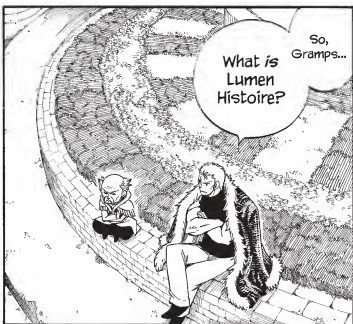
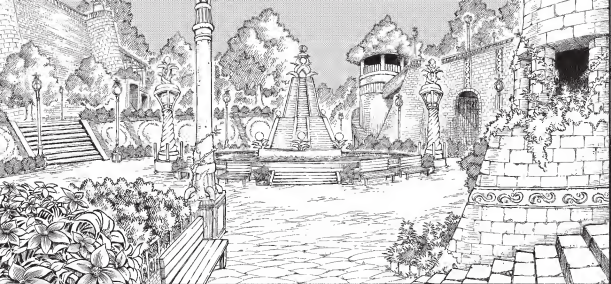


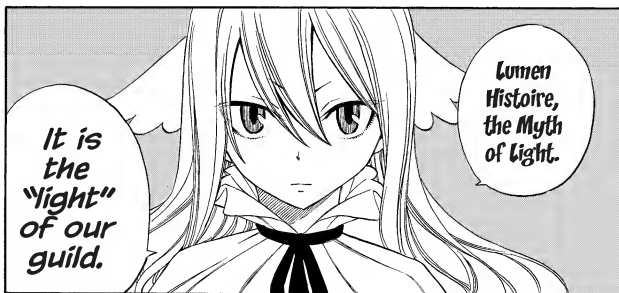
That was the real one!



I will. When the games are over, I will be gone.









Hm.

I wouldn't rule *that* out.

I assume from the second master, Precht.



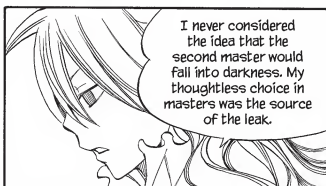
But where did Ivan get his hands on that knowledge...?

Thank you for that.



It *is* my fault.

No, it isn't your fault, First Master.



I never considered the idea that the second master would fall into darkness. My thoughtless choice in masters was the source of the leak.



The First Master is... Laxus, comfort her!! Now!!

I'm not crying! I'm...not crying... at all...

SNIFF

I can't do that !!!



!!

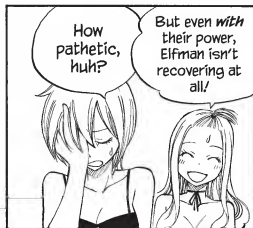


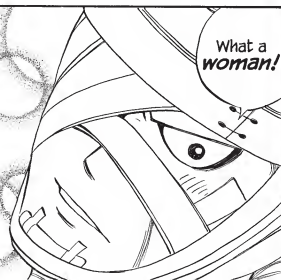
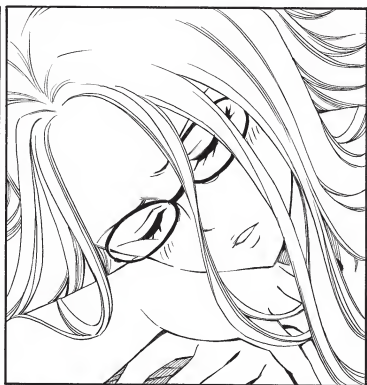
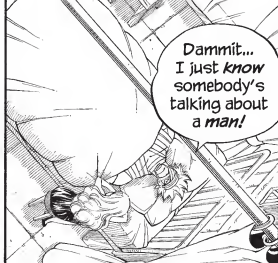
I was the one...



SNIFF

SNIFF









That third night, so filled with joy.

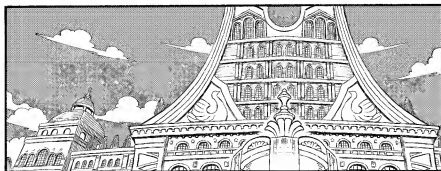


Eating, dancing ...



Them all shouting and singing...

Here we go, Lisanna!



Crocus Garden, lodgings of Saber Tooth.



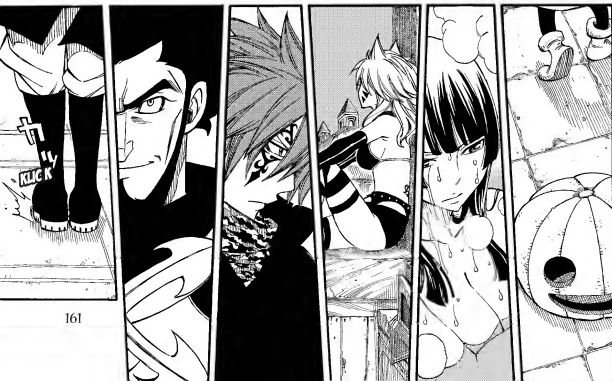
Lector?

Sting-kun, aren't you sleepy?



I feel like I'll get to battle Natsu tomorrow.







Sergeant
Yukino Agria,
reporting for
duty.

*A night
when all
sorts of
emotions
were at a
crossroads.*



The
fateful
day, only
four days
away.

We were
heading for
that day.

Competition
section,
Naval Battle.
Every team
chooses one
member.

The
Grand
Magic
Games,
Day 4

YAAAY
YAAAY
YAAAY

The one
left in the
water at
the end is
the winner.

If you
leave the
sphere
of water,
you're out
of bounds,
and you
lose.

When only two
contestants are
left, for a period
of five minutes,
the first one
that goes out of
bounds becomes
ranked last.

The five-
minute
rule.

But when
only two
are left in
the water, a
special rule
goes into
effect.



Chapter 291: Naval Battle



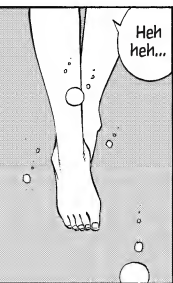


I am so looking forward to this, thank you very much.

4TH DAY GUEST
SCHEHERAZADE
THEATER MANAGER,
RABIAN

It's rather like under-water shumo wrestling, hm?

NOW IT'S
STARTED! THE
COMPETITION
FOR THE
FIFTH DAY!





I am
Minerva
of Saber
Tooth!

And I
have
arrived.



**SABER
TOOTH**
MINERVA



It means the
five strongest
members of
Saber Tooth are
all here!

Thank
you
very
much!

ワウワウワウワウ

AND THE
CROWD
GOES
WILD!!!

THERE
SHE IS!!!
MINERVA!!!

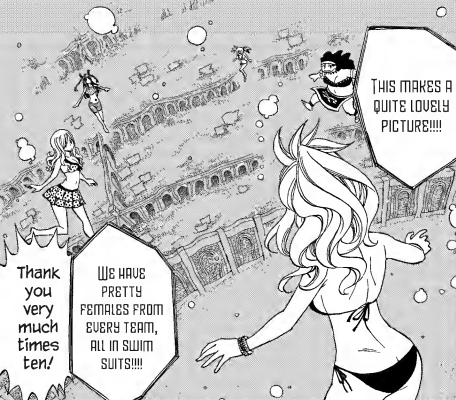


I'm going
to make
up for my
failure on
the first
day!

I won't
lose this
either!

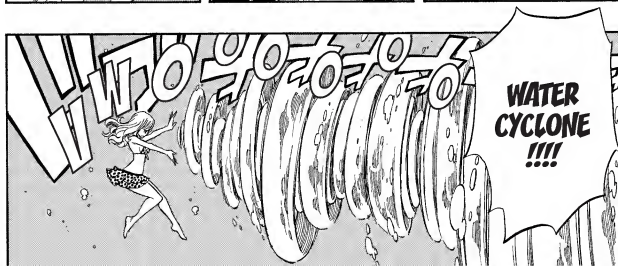


**FAIRY
TAIL A
LUCY**





No,
you
won't
!!!







Now,
the first
guy!!!!



QUATRO
PUPPY IS
THE FIRST
TO BE
ELIMINATED!!!



OOO!

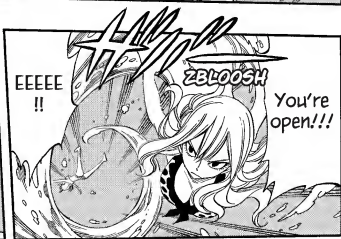
WHUD



Don't
under-
estimate
the
chub!!!



And
while that's
happening,
you...





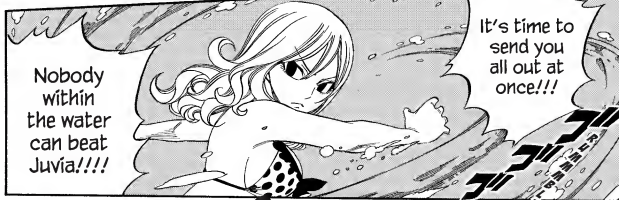
Shut up!!

AND FAIRY
TAIL A! WHY
DIDN'T YOU
PUT OUT
WENDY-TAN
INSTEAD?!



HANG IN
THERE,
SHERRIA-
TAN!!!

THE
WATERY
BATTLE
GOES ON!!!



Nobody
within
the water
can beat
Juvia!!!!

It's time to
send you
all out at
once!!!



This is
for you!!!!
The Wings of
Love!!!! Juvia
Adores Gray-
sama!!!!

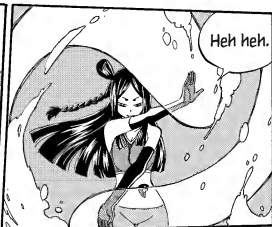
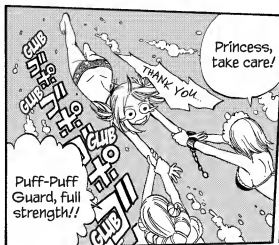
And with
Juvia's
Second Origin,
Juvia has a
new ultimate
attack to
unleash
now...

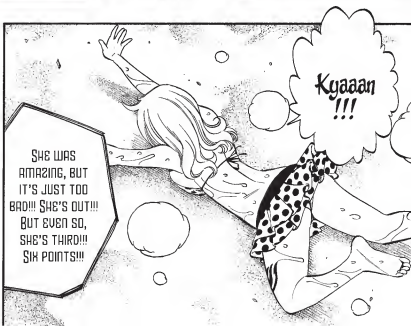
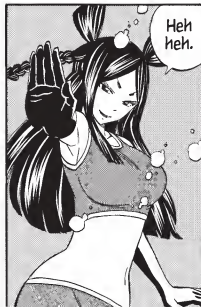
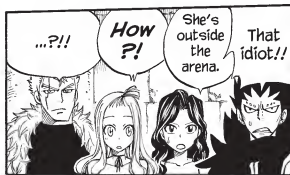
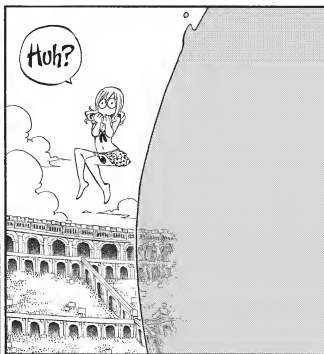


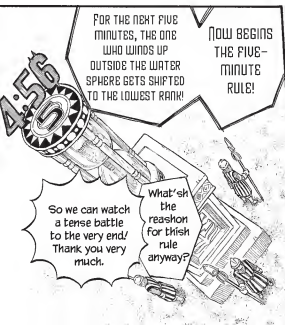
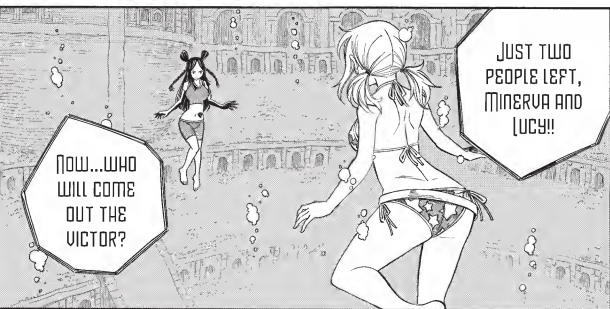
STOP
THAT
!!



RUMBLE





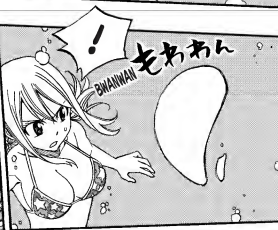




So endure this ...



With my power, I *could* eject you from the arena in an instant.





...I won't be able to face all the people who got us this far!!

! If I fail here...

I think it is time to push you out.



I can't betray everyone's feelings!

So I won't give up, no matter what you do!

AFTER THAT THE ORDER WILL GO BACK TO NORMAL!!!

Right !!!

IF SHE DOESN'T DO SOMETHING, THE FIVE MINUTES WILL EXPIRE!!!

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?

MINERVA'S ATTACKS HAVE STOPPED!





SHE
VANISHED
?!!

THAT'S
SURE TO
PUSH LUCY
OUT...

Stop
it!!!!

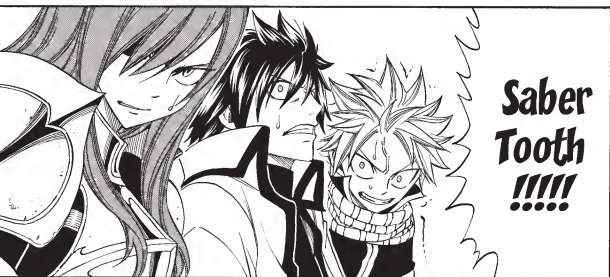
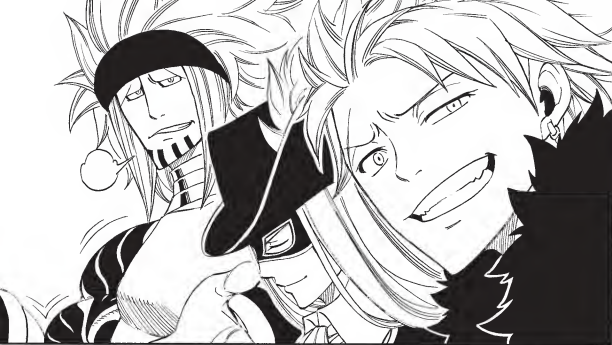


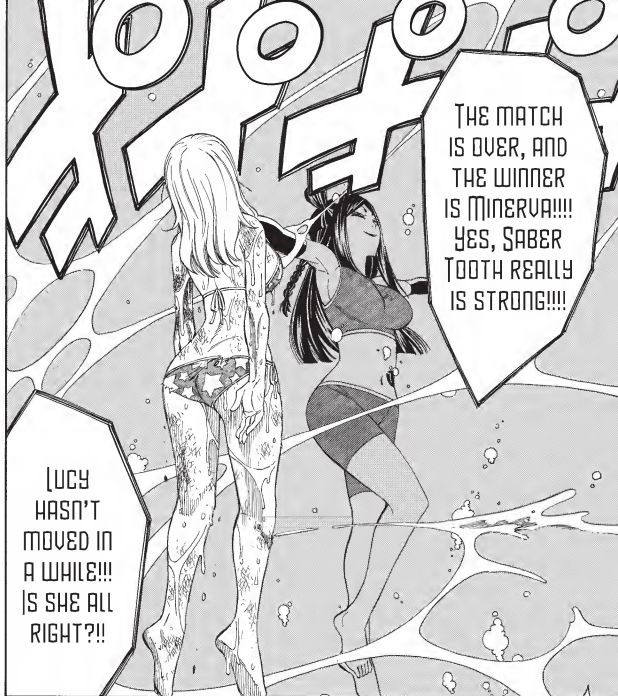
The fight was already over...

She was almost out of the arena! Why bring her back...?

Was that her magic?







THE MATCH
IS OVER, AND
THE WINNER
IS MINERVA!!!!
YES, SABER
TOOTH REALLY
IS STRONG!!!!

LUCY
HASN'T
MOVED IN
A WHILE!!!
IS SHE ALL
RIGHT?!!



TO BE CONTINUED



Call
out the
medics
!!!
Emer-
gency
!!!!



Lucy
!!!!



Afterword

This may seem sudden, but I started a Twitter account. I've had the itch to do it for a while, but I thought that I'd have to quit it quickly, so I never tried. But thanks to a friend's recommendation, I went ahead and started it anyway. And it's really fun! I found myself in conversations with all sorts of people, including famous people, and I really started to enjoy it. My original intentions were to use it for fan service and advertisement, but it's really hard to get the timing right on big announcements. So in the end, it just became an outlet for my sketches.

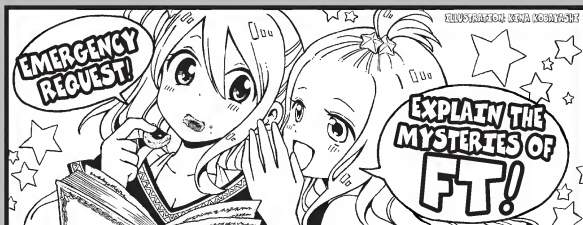
I often get the question, "Can I use your sketches as wallpaper for my screens?" You can save them, use them as wallpaper, use them as icons or for any personal reasons. I don't mind any of that. However, if you want to use them for commercial purposes, it seems there are many problems with that, so please don't use them that way.

Also one more important thing: I say you can "use sketches for your own personal use," but that is only for my sketches that I put out there personally. That doesn't mean other artists or any publishing companies feel the same way. Please be careful about that. Really, just about everything I tweet has nothing in it of any importance, but if you want to, you're welcome to follow my account. I'll happily read impressions of my work from manga fans on Twitter, but I also treasure the fan letters that I get from everybody too!

Anyway, I hope we can communicate, however you do it.

Twitter Account: @hiro_mashima

*Most tweets in Japanese.



At an outdoor café in Crocus...

Mira: Hello!

Lucy: And hello!



: Okay! Welcome to the question corner where Lucy makes lame jokes!!



: It wasn't that lame!

Mira: Let's have the first question!

Are "Ancient Spells" and "Lost Magic" the same thing?



Lucy: It does seem like a hard distinction to understand.

Mira: But to be precise, they're completely different things.

Lucy: Ancient Spells are, just like the words say, magic from a long time ago.

Mira: "Lost Magic" is only one type of Ancient Spells.



: In other words, it comes out looking like this.

Ancient Spells

Lost Magic

Dragon Slayer Magic
Arc of Time
etc.

Nirvana

Zeref's Magic

Mira: The various types of magic are all pretty complicated, so it's probably very difficult to remember.

Lucy: Next question!

Millianna showed up, but are Shô and Wally ever going to appear again?



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Mira: We get that question a lot!

Lucy: But I wonder what they're doing now?

Mira: According to Millianna, they're out on a journey across the continent.

Lucy: Continuously for seven years?

Mira: A little behind-the-scenes talk, they were originally supposed to be mixed up in the Grand Magic Games too.

Lucy: But that was rejected...



: I mean, the number of people that show up in this story is just shocking!



: Rejected...

Mira: Now, the next question.

Did Mira-chan and Jenny know each other a long time ago?



: Everyone who reads Sorcerer knows about that!

Mira: True. We've been friends for a long time!♥

Lucy: Come to think of it, a lot of readers may not know about other guild members who are friends with members of a different guild.

Mira: Well, I think everyone knows this already, but Erza and Ichiya (Blue Pegasus) know each other from somewhere.

Lucy: The master and Jura-san (Lamia Scale) are connected in that they're both wizard saints.

Mira: And while we're on Lamia, there's Gray and Lyon.

Lucy: Yeah, but... Those are all things that have been drawn in the main story. Are there any combinations we don't suspect?

Mira: Well...there's Droy and Araña (Mermaid Heal).



: Whoa!! I didn't know about that! What's their relationship?

Mira: They just came across each other by coincidence during the seven years we were gone.

Lucy: Really?

Mira: And Droy fell in love at first sight!



: What?!



: And I hear that she rejected him big time!

Lucy: Oh, no...

Mira: There are others too! Let's see... A long time ago, Max...

Lucy: If we go on, it'll just make people feel sorry for them, so let's call it a day right here!

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FAIRY TAIL

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The Fairy Tail Guild is looking for illustrations! Please send in your art on a postcard or at postcard size, and do it in black pen, okay? Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your illustration!

This one looks as if one's been surprised by something, right?



Osaka Prefecture, Satoru Kozaki

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Ibaraki Prefecture, Rinos

▲ That's so cute! They're holding hands!



Yamaguchi Prefecture, Honoka Yoshimori

▲ The Lucy gnoming onto Gray is so cute!



Shizuoka Prefecture, Ayana Suzuki

▲ Lapis had a really big part this time!!



Gumma Prefecture, Kurumi Tamura

▲ A girl with way too little to do in the story. Maybe she'll have a part soon?



Yamanashi Prefecture, Sae Misai

▲ A glittering Gray! Beautiful!



Osakaya Prefecture, Akane

▲ Merry!! In three versions.



Hirogo Prefecture, Kaaitaru

▲ Flare-san's following is borderline but there.



Yamanashi Prefecture, Ayane Nakata

▲ Asuka-chan! Will she be a wizard when she grows up?



Osiba Prefecture, Monaka Ishii

▲ I wonder if Lucy is our most interesting character?



Hirogo Prefecture, Masu Uchida

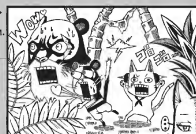
▲ Really! What's going to happen with these three?

I won't dare if the boy will always hold Natsu in respect!



Shizuoka Prefecture, Hirokazu

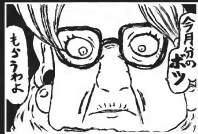
Happy's being a little mean Poor Lily!



Osaka Prefecture, Tomoko Sasaki

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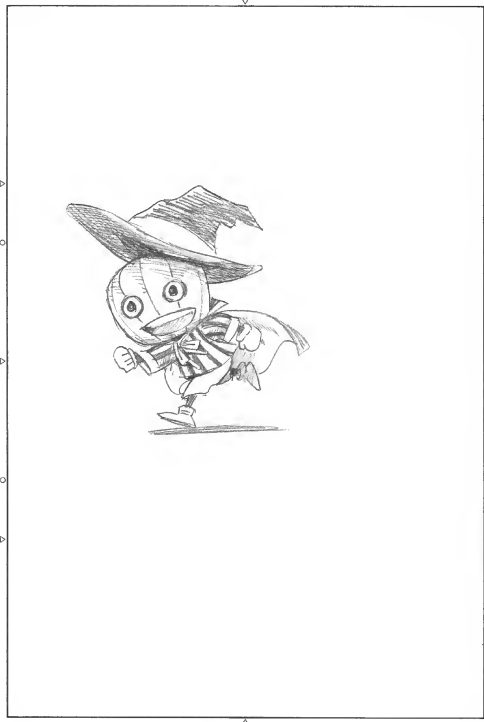


▲ U-Urk... Yes, it's yours...

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

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FROM HIRO MASHIMA



Volume 34!! In one more volume, this will match the entire run of my previous series. Huh? When I began Fairy Tail, I distinctly remember saying, "I plan on ending this at about ten volumes..." But when I wasn't looking, it got to a point where it's going to easily outdistance my previous work. Hmm... What'll I do? There are so many things I still want to do with Fairy Tail.

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

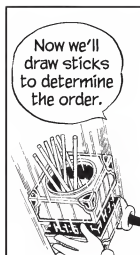
Page 33, Numbers games

There is a type of game played in Japan where two or more people take turns to count up to a particular number. They can count all or some of the numbers within a limited range, then pass off their turn to the next person. When someone is forced to count the target number, that person loses. For example, were the rules to say that the target number is "30," and the players have a range of three numbers, the first player would count, either one, two, or three. Let's say the first player counts to two. Then the next player would start at "three" and count, "three," "three, four," or "three, four, five." Assuming the second player stopped at "five," the next player would start at "six" and so on. When the counting approaches the mid-twenties, one must strategize how many numbers to state so one is not put in a position to say the number "thirty." Pandemonium is similar to a numbers game because one chooses a number of monsters to fight, and then passes the turn on to the next player.



Page 35, Lottery stick

This is a common way of "drawing straws" in Japan, although the sticks have a wider variety of outcomes than the single broken straw that the game has in the west. It is usually done with a large number of sticks, all inside a wooden box that is completely closed off except for a single hole just big enough to allow a single stick through. The sticks are shaken and mixed, and then one is allowed to drop through the hole. Each stick has a number or code on it, and the code correlates to some prize or outcome. This version of lottery is most commonly used in temples and shrines for drawing fortunes. When the stick is drawn, the person who runs the lottery checks the numbers or codes and retrieves a printed fortune that corresponds to what is written on the stick.



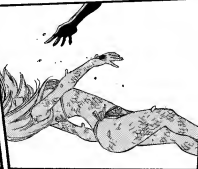
Page 114, -tan

This is basically a mispronunciation of the honorific, "-chan," that is normally used by young girls of about high-school or middle-school age to refer to each other or to their friends. However, it has also been used by idols who call themselves by that honorific because it is considered cute, and that has been picked up by the fans of those idols. Since then the honorific has spread until it is now fairly commonly heard in conversation and in the media. However, it still contains the nuance that it should be used by girl of high-school or middle-school age, so when a middle-aged man like Chapati uses, "-tan," a more 'normal' person like Yajima or Lahar might be taken aback by the usage.



Preview of *Fairy Tail*, volume 35

We're pleased to present you with a preview from Fairy Tail, volume 35. Please check our Web site (www.kodanshacomics.com) to see when this volume will be available.





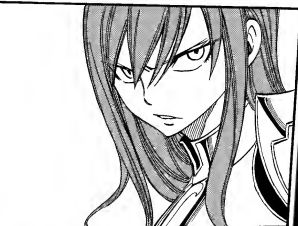
No, I should go in first and do some healing!

Hurry, get Lucy-sama to the infirmary!!



Are you all right?! Speak to me!

What does that jerk think she's doing?!!



Lucy! Hang in there!

I'll help!



Frankly, I believe you should *thank* me. I allowed you to attain second position...

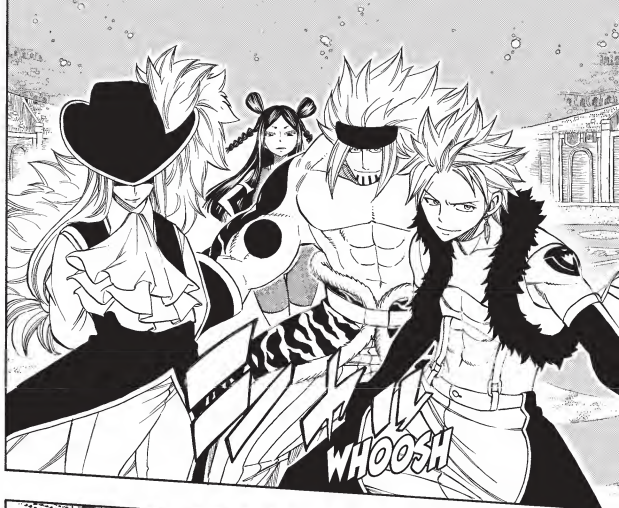


...even with that worthless trash woman of yours.



I simply followed the rules of the match.

Why do you look at me that way?





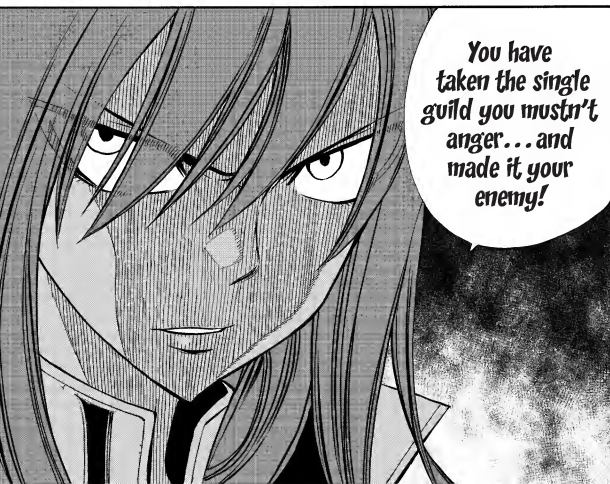
WHOA! BOTH TEAMS
LOOK LIKE THEY'RE A
HAIR'S WIDTH FROM
AN ALL-OUT BATTLE!!!!

GAMMA

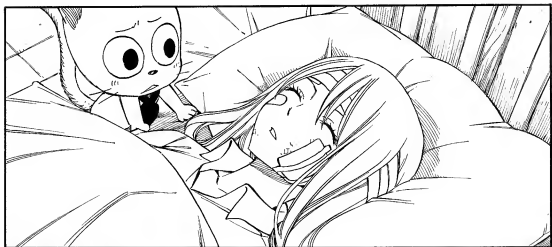
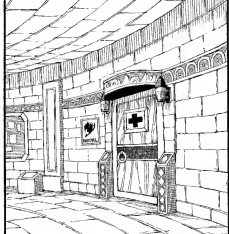


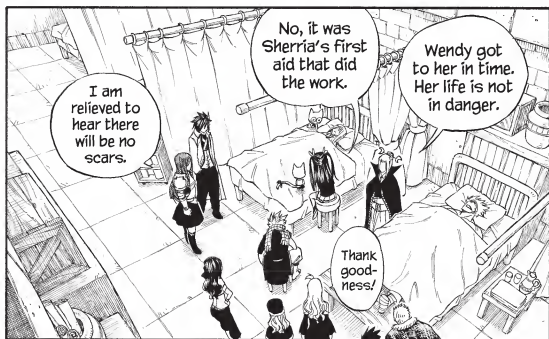
However,
I will say
this one
thing.

You may
be the
"strongest,"
or "Fiore's
best." I
neither
know nor
care.



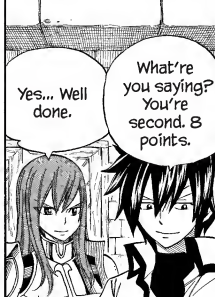
**You have
taken the single
guild you mustn't
anger... and
made it your
enemy!**







My...
keys...



Yes... Well
done.

What're
you saying?
You're
second. 8
points.



I got...
beat...
again.



CHANCE!

HUG



They're
right
here!

WAAH

Thank
you... Good
...



I
don't
like
'em!



Saber
Tooth...



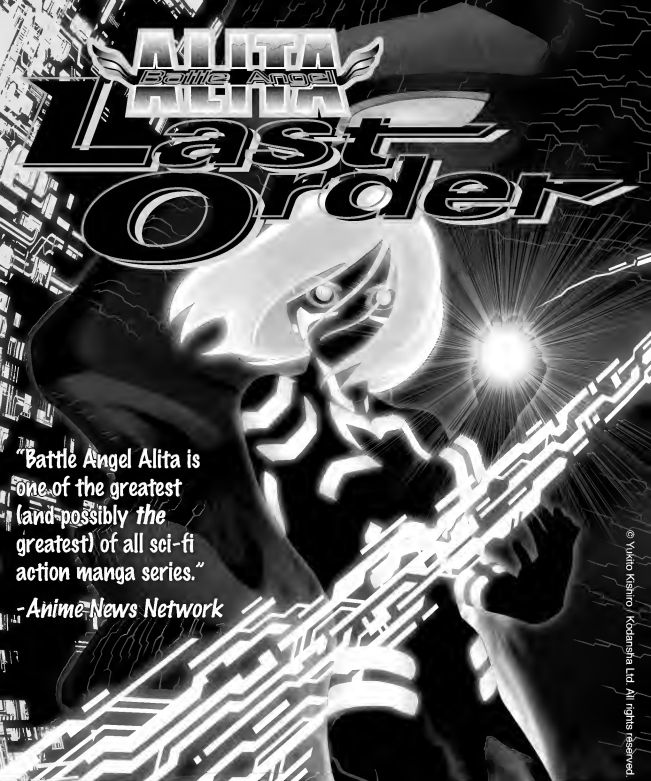
Those guys
really
get on my
nerves!

It looks
like she
went back
to sleep.



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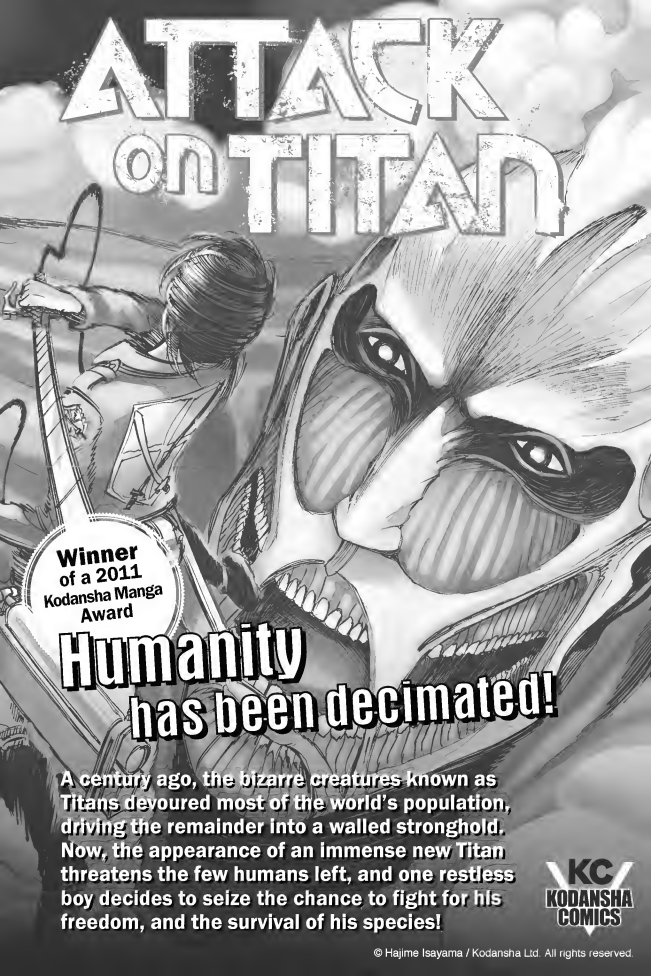
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